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MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on February 13, 2009 at 8:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 304, 1/28/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on
SB 304, Keep our kids here tax credit.

EXHIBIT (tas34a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:32 Lucas Hamilton, representing Associated Students of the
University of Montana (ASUM)

EXHIBIT (tas34a02)

00:11:38 Vanessa Clark, representing Helena and Great Falls
Chambers of Commerce

00:12:14 Mitch Jessen, Student Member, Montana Board of Regents
(BOR)

00:13:25 Tyler Nahrgang, Student, University of Montana Western

00:14:46 Rob Barnowsky, representing Montana State University
(MSU), Billings

00:15:32 Maureen Weiland, representing MSU, Bozeman also
speaking for David Smith, President, Bozeman Area
Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tas34a03)

00:17:45 Dan Stusek, student member (ASUM)

00:19:19 Eric Anderson, representing students of MSU Billings

00:23:07 Sheena Rice, Montana Public Interest Research Group
(MontPIRG)

00:24:13 Daniel Zolnikov, Roundup, Student, University of
Montana (UM)

00:25:16 Trevor Hunter, Student, UM

00:27:55 Emily Koffler, Student, UM

00:28:44 Miranda Leftridge, Student, UM

00:29:05 Sean Morrison, Student, UM

00:31:31 Andrew Dusek, ASUM, UM

00:31:54 Tara Haupt, ASUM, UM

00:32:25 Siri Smillie, UM

Opponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT (tas34a04)

Written testimony provided by David Ewer, Budget
Director, Budget and Program Planning, Office of the
Governor

Informational Testimony:

00:33:03 Bruce Marks, Administrator, Montana Guaranteed Student
Loan Program (MGSLP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:25 Sen. Tutvedt
00:34:04 Mitch Jessen, BOR
00:35:06 Sen. Tutvedt
00:35:29 Sean Morrison
00:36:40 Sen. Gillan
00:37:51 Sen. Roy Brown
00:38:24 Sen. Gillan
00:39:17 Sen. Roy Brown
00:40:15 Sen. Taylor Brown
00:41:01 Sen. Roy Brown
00:42:16 Sen. Taylor Brown
00:42:35 Trevor Hunter
00:43:48 Sen. Erickson
00:44:30 Lucas Hamilton
00:45:00 Sen. Erickson
00:45:23 Lucas Hamilton
00:45:35 Sen. Erickson
00:45:46 Sen. Roy Brown
00:47:27 Sen. Story
00:47:53 Sen. Roy Brown
00:49:51 Sen. Kaufmann
00:50:54 Lucas Hamilton
00:52:13 Sen. Tutvedt
00:53:07 Sen. Roy Brown
00:53:38 Sen. Story
00:53:51 Sen. Roy Brown
00:54:17 Sen. Black
00:55:03 Lucas Hamilton
00:56:48 Sen. Black
00:57:33 Sen. Roy Brown
00:58:24 Sen. Black
00:58:56 Sen. Roy Brown
00:59:14 Sen. Hamlett
00:59:53 Bruce Marks, SLGP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:39 Sen. Roy Brown

Committee Business:

01:02:22 Sen. Tutvedt

01:02:32 Chairman Essmann

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(tas34a05)

Relating to SB 258 heard in committee on February 12, 2009

EXHIBIT(tas34a06)

Relating to SB 292 heard in committee on February 6, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas34aad.pdf](#))